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A night of memories

Six inducted into 18th
Athletic Hall of Fameby CINDY H. LIBERATORE
reporter

It was an evening of memories as old teammates, friends and families gathered at the 18th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet.

"I'll never forget the first day I came to Marshall University," Tammie Green, 17th on the all-time earnings list for the LPGA.

Green was one of six new inductees of the Marshall University Athletic Hall of Fame. She played basketball and golf at Marshall.

"I did a lot of growing up here," Green said.

The other new members are Ralph May, football and wrestling; Bob Pruett, football, track and wrestling; George Stone, basketball; Greg Rowsey, baseball; and Michael Payton, football.

Danny D'Antoni accepted the award for his teammate, roommate and friend George Stone, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1993.

"George was one of the greatest competitors I've ever met," D'Antoni said. "We enjoyed Marshall together. We enjoyed the people at Marshall."

Greg Rowsey, pausing to regain his composure, described his relationship with his coach as a father-son relationship.

"Playing baseball allowed me to get an education while playing the sport I loved," Rowsey said.

Michael Payton did not intend to come to Marshall. He said it wasn't until his visit to the campus, he decided Marshall was where he would play football.

"I loved the place [Marshall] and loved the people. They stand behind the athletes," he said.

Payton wanted to know what he could do to rectify the 1970 plane crash, he said. He thought back to the winning field goal kick that brought Marshall its first Division I-A national championship in 1992. He gazed into the crowd and felt overwhelmed, he said.

"The biggest thing I remember is giving back something to the people and the great city of Huntington," he said.

What's law school like?

by EVAN BEVINS
reporter

Law school: what's it like? "It's like going to the dentist every day."

That review came from Rob Aliff, an attorney with the firm of Jackson and Kelly in Charleston.

Aliff was one of three panelists who participated in Monday's "What's It Like?" discussion of the legal profession.

The program was the second installment of "What's It Like?" this year. The other panelists were Carrie Summers, a third-year law student at WVU, and Jason Huber, an attorney with the Charleston firm of Foreman and Crane.

All three panelists shared negative opinions of law school, but positive opinions of the legal profession. The panelists agreed the hard work was worth it.

"I think it's a great experience; I think it's a bad experience," Summers said. "I think it's every emotion you could ever go through."

Dr. Richard Badenhausen, chairman of the Honors Council, said the What's It Like? pro-

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Final presidential candidates selected

by MARISSA HAGY
reporter

The Marshall University community is one step closer to meeting its new president.

The final candidates have been selected and one of them will fill the vacancy left by former President J. Wade Gilley.

The Presidential Search and Screening Committee met Monday afternoon at the South Charleston Graduate College campus to hear recommenda-

tions from the subcommittee. The subcommittee interviewed seven potential candidates in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 19-20.

The full committee accepted the recommendations of the subcommittee at Monday's meeting. In a previous interview, Interim President A. Michael Perry said three or four candidates would take part in the final phase of the selection process.

However, Tom Wilkerson, committee co-chairman, would

not disclose the number of candidates remaining under consideration.

According to a press release issued by the search committee, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a visit to the campus and will have a series of interviews with various members of the Marshall community.

According to the release, Gary White, committee co-

chairman, said, "These visits will give the candidates opportunities to familiarize themselves with Marshall while enabling the people involved with the university to get to know the candidates."

Wilkerson said he was pleased with the candidates selected by the committee. He said Marshall's increasing reputation among colleges and universities is evident in the quality of candidates pursuing the office of the president.

The number of candidates and their names will not be disclosed until all candidates have been contacted to learn if they are still interested in the position because of the publicity they will receive.

Then it will be determined which candidates will be able to visit the campus.

The committee is expected to announce the names of the final candidates this week after all arrangements are final.



photo by Terri Blair

1999-2000 "Miss Marshall" Meredith J. Erwin and her father and escort Harold Erwin, remain on the football field for pictures following her crowning Saturday.

Beyond the rhinestones

New 'Miss Marshall' says
title is more than a tiaraby BUTCH BARKER
managing editor

Meredith J. Erwin found herself in a familiar atmosphere Saturday.

Her role, however, was different.

The senior athletic training major is used to being on the football field but not as Marshall's Homecoming Queen.

"I ran (for Homecoming Queen) in middle school and in high school and lost," said Erwin, who was crowned "Miss Marshall" during half-time of Saturday's game against Northern Illinois. "It was definitely an honor."

"I am thankful the Lord brought me to Marshall, and in turn, let me meet the people I've met and let me experience the things I have."

Growing up in the small Putnam County town of Eleanor and graduating from Buffalo High School with a class size of 68, Erwin said meeting new people was a task, but one she welcomed.

"It was real intimidating coming from a small school," Erwin said. "It was hard to walk across campus and see all these blank faces after knowing everyone in high school."

Many of those people came through to help her defeat three other candidates and

capture the title. She said her roommates and friends helped her hang signs and campaign, which was a lot of work.

"The process is so quick," Erwin explained. "Four applicants are chosen, you have two days to campaign and then the four is narrowed to two. It's a good thing I had support."

Support is one thing Erwin has never been shy of, her mother, Linda Erwin, said.

"Meredith gets a lot of support from her father (Harold Erwin) and I and people (in Eleanor)," Linda Erwin said. "It was even announced in church (Sunday) that she won."

Linda Erwin said her daughter has always had a drive to excel and has kept up that trait at Marshall.

Indeed, Erwin, who has been a trainer for the football team and the women's soccer team, has maintained a 3.9 grade point average, has been active with Campus Crusade for Christ and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After graduating in May she plans to obtain a master's degree in athletic training or study physical therapy

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Students get chance to discuss higher ed

by CARRIE A. SMITH
reporter

The Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability (LOCEA) met with some Marshall students Monday to discuss concerns regarding higher education.

West Virginia senators and delegates make up the membership of LOCEA, which travels to colleges and universities all over the state and meets with students and faculty members.

"The purpose of this is to meet with student leaders without the administration present so we can listen to their concerns and gain a better perspective as to what is going on," Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, said.

The LOCEA met with student leaders and student government representatives Monday morning to hear firsthand how students feel about the quality of education at Marshall and to listen to some of the problems they have with the university.

Student Government Association President Brandi Jacobs said she would like to see more tenured professors on staff.

"There is a big difference when your class is taught by a professor and when your class is taught by a high school teacher who works here part-time," Jacobs said.

"We need more professors with a degree higher than a master's."

Sen. Heather Richardson, College of Education and Human Services, voiced some

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Where the buffalo roam

by AMANDA M. TULLY
reporter

There was no anonymity at the Marco reunion during Homecoming Saturday.

Some of the former mascots who once went to great lengths to conceal their identities from friends and fans got a chance to expose themselves.

The reunion brought 14 of the mascots back to Marshall for a celebration that combined reminiscence and laughter.

Rick Jackson was Marco in 1967-68. He said the reunion was definitely worthwhile.

"We had a ball," Jackson said. "I'd really like to do it again."

Jackson vividly remembers wearing the original outfit.

"The suit was very hot and cumbersome, kind of like a Dutch oven," he said. "They used to say you needed a pint of Jim Beam just to be able to wear it."

Marco has been a symbol of

enthusiasm and spirit for Marshall for years.

The Herd's mascot got its name from Marshall College before the institution became a university in 1961. The renowned buffalo is famous for the zest he brings to Marshall games.

Sam Stanley, assistant vice-president for Alumni Relations, speaks fondly of Marco.

"Marco is a great ambassador and symbol for Marshall," Stanley said. "This doesn't apply only to athletic teams, but the whole university. And kids love Marco."

The maintaining of Marco's anonymity throughout the years always has been crucial. The mascot's family members are the only people privileged enough to know who hides inside the woolly costume.

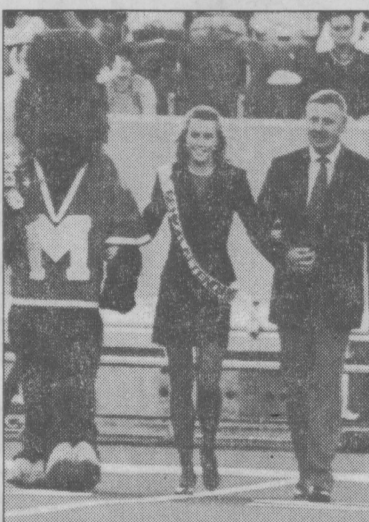
Matthew Igou was Marco in 1985-86. He remembers how difficult it was to keep his identity a secret. "It was hard

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"They used to say you needed a pint of Jim Beam just to be able to wear it (Marco costume)."

Rick Jackson,
Marco 1967-68

photo by Terri Blair



file photo

ABOVE: Rick Jackson was Marco from 1967-68. He is pictured with 1967-68 Homecoming Queen Jackie Bernard.

LEFT: The current "anonymous" Marco helps escort senior attendant Jody Rexroad during Saturday's Homecoming half-time festivities.

College admission policies for accepting remedial students 'due for an overhaul'

CHARLESTON (AP) — Open admissions policies for students who require remedial courses at West Virginia's colleges and universities are due for an overhaul, top education officials say.

A freshman enrolled in a developmental course has about a 50 percent chance of graduating, state Superintendent of Schools Hank Marockie said. Two or more remedial classes cut the odds for graduation to about one in 10, he said.

"Whenever you get into the remedial courses, your chances of graduating from that institution fall tremendously," Marockie said.

State education officials should consider open admissions at some

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Charles Manning,
chancellor of the University System Board of Trustees

schools and eliminate the practice at others, said Charles Manning, chancellor of the University System Board of Trustees.

"We've got to have an open door into higher education," he said.

"That doesn't mean you have to have an open door at every institution."

Such a policy, adopted by some

states, could lead to a multilevel college and university system with different school missions and admissions standards.

Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, has advised a panel of the Legislature that lawmakers raise admission standards and rework funding formulas that consider

factors other than enrollment numbers.

He did not say that state colleges admit poorly prepared students to boost enrollment figures.

Still, he said it "could be the logical conclusion based on the information."

"If I were trying to maximize my revenue, that's what I would do," he said.

In 1997, public colleges and universities in the state accepted 98 percent of all applicants, according to the most recent West Virginia Higher Education Report Card.

Three four-year colleges — Marshall University, Glenville

State and West Virginia State — accepted everyone who applied.

Nearly half of all entering full-time freshmen enrolled in one or more developmental courses in the fall 1997 semester. Only about 40 percent of students who enrolled in 1992 graduated six years later.

West Virginia University was the only school with a graduation rate that is higher than 50 percent.

Jones said the problem is typical in all states. However, West Virginia is particularly affected by a lack of public money, lower incomes, a relatively high rate of illiteracy and declining high school-age population, he said.

Underwood lifts freeze to avoid coal mining limit

CHARLESTON — Gov. Cecil H. Underwood Monday lifted a freeze on hiring, travel and major capital expenditures that he imposed Oct. 22 on state government in response to a federal court ruling that threatens to limit coal mining and reduce state tax revenues.

The governor, however, said he still wants administration officials to develop contingency plans to cut their budgets by 10 percent.

The governor's decision to lift the restrictions came after a federal judge on Oct. 29 granted a stay of his Oct. 20 decision, which would restrict mining operations from filling perennial or intermittent streams with soil and rock.

The West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, a defendant in the case Patricia Bragg, et al, vs. Col. Dana Robertson, et al, is pursuing an appeal of the court's ruling.

"I urge the heads of our agencies to be conservative in approving travel, hiring new personnel and making purchases while we learn just what effect the court's decision may have on future coal production and the resulting tax revenues," Underwood said.

The governor, however, said he has asked secretaries and commissioners of agencies to continue to develop contingency plans to reduce their spending by 10 percent.

Church celebrates Halloween with a lesson in religion

CHARLESTON (AP) — Thirteen-year-old Bethany Tincer and several other young Kanawha County parishioners celebrated Halloween with pretend guns instead of candy.

The group mimicked last April's shotgun killings of 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado as part of Dunbar First Baptist Church's staged religious exercises at Wine Cellar Park in Dunbar last week.

"It was Satan that put sin in their hearts," said Andy Maxwell, 17, who portrayed a gunman.

This was the second consecutive Halloween that Kanawha County parishioners have celebrated All Hallow's Eve by preaching against things they consider scarier than monsters and goblins — school violence and homosexuality.

"Well really, I guess, sometimes reality can scare you," Tincer said.

Another enactment featured an actor who portrayed Satan taking credit for homosexuality.

"God does not create homosexuals. Sin does," he said.

Scott Depot resident Sharon Cross brought her 7-year-old grandson Cody Childers and 5-year-old granddaughter Courtney Childers to the "Haunted Hallow" trail.

The American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia has criticized city officials for allowing religious activities on public property. But the city has authority to allow use of public space if all groups have access, Hilary Chiz, director of the ACLU of West Virginia, said Saturday.

City officials may not legally favor a religious group over others, she said. Chiz rapped city officials for permitting public space to be used by a group promoting a message she said is insulting.

"The city of Dunbar should be ashamed for allowing its public park to be co-opted by a group whose message is offensive to so many people in Kanawha County," she said.

Not all scenes offered religious messages. Some included special effects such as pulsating lights, monsters, a chainsaw-wielding man and other characters.

Court rejects appeal from companies refusing to pay retired miners' benefits

by LAURIE ASSEO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two companies formerly involved in coal mining lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday that contended they should not have to pay lifetime health care benefits for retired miners and their families.

The court, without comment, turned away the two Pennsylvania companies' arguments that a 1992 federal law requiring them to pay such benefits violated their rights.

Unity Real Estate Co. and Barnes & Tucker Co. said they will be bankrupted if forced to pay health benefits under the 1992 Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act.

Since the mid-1940s, health benefits had been promised by various contracts between coal mine operators and the United Mine Workers union. Starting in 1974, those agreements promised lifetime health benefits for retired miners and their families.

The benefit plans had severe deficits by the early 1990s.

Congress enacted the 1992 law requiring retired miners' most recent employer to pay for their health benefits.

Unity was assigned responsibility for 76 beneficiaries, while Barnes & Tucker was assigned 1,564 beneficiaries. Both companies had subsidiaries in the coal mining business until the 1980s. Those subsidiaries signed health benefit contracts in 1974, 1978 and 1981.

The two companies challenged the 1992 law, saying that forcing them to pay retroactive health care benefits amounted to an unconstitutional taking of their property without compensation.

A federal judge ruled against them in 1997. The following year, the Supreme Court ruled that a West Virginia company that ended its coal mining operations in 1965 could not be forced to finance benefits for its former employees.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Unity and Barnes & Tucker last March. The appeals court said the two companies, unlike the West

Virginia firm, had signed contracts promising lifetime health benefits.

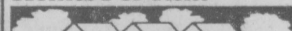
In the appeal acted on today, the companies' lawyers said the promise of health benefits was limited to the term of each contract. The 1992 coal benefits law "threatens the very survival of these companies," the appeal said.

Justice Department lawyers urged the court to reject the appeal. They said the companies promised their employees lifetime benefits "and left the benefit plans in a condition vulnerable to collapse."

The case is Unity Real Estate Co. vs. Hudson, 99-12.

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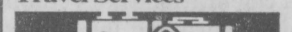
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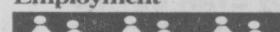
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Cadets rise 10 spots in ROTC Ranger Challenge

by LILLIAN L. WILLIS
reporter

The ROTC Ranger Challenge team is improving its rankings, slowly but surely.

Last year, the team placed 31 out of 33 at the annual Ft. Knox, Ky., Third Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition.

This year, they moved up 10 spots to finish 21 out of 33, as a team. The other teams were from Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, as well as others from West Virginia.

"For a school that could barely field a team, we did really well," said Cadet Travis W. Tallman, a South Charleston sophomore majoring in history.

Three cadre and 14 cadets made the trip the weekend of Oct. 22.

"The cadre are instructors in the classroom and coaches on the field," Cadet Tim D. Flynn said. "They helped us a lot."

Flynn, a freshman microbiology major from Baltimore, Md., said the cadets went on a

volunteer basis.

"The numbers are low," said Cadet Rodney H. Lipscomb, Elkview criminal justice junior. "So it's hard to get people to go."

The team participated in several events, some as a team and some as individuals representing the team, said Lipscomb.

The events were Army Physical Fitness Test, marksmanship, a grenade assault course, land navigation, patrolling, one-rope bridge, weapons assembly/disassembly and physical training test.

They also participated in a 10K road march in full battle attire, which includes a 35-40 pound ruck sac, load-carrying equipment, and a mock M-16, which weighs about 15 pounds.

Major John Block said he felt two cadets especially deserved praise.

Cadet Greg Tharp, senior accounting major from Greenbrier County, extended effort in two events, he said. In one, where a cadet was supposed to

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Cadet Travis W. Tallman,
South Charleston sophomore majoring in history

get at least 70 percent of the points possible, Tharp scored 245 points out of a possible 200, he said.

Cadet Matthew L. Wolverton, Monongalia County religious studies junior, got 50 out of 50 on basic rifle marksmanship, he said.

The cadets all agreed they couldn't have pulled the competition off without MGS Kevin Godwin, who told them to focus on each event as it occurred.

"Godwin put a lot of time and effort into putting the team together," Lipscomb said. "He put a lot of extra hours in."

Tharp agreed.

"He helped us planning and preparing for the trip down as well as the actual event itself," Tharp said.

Though Godwin will be retiring this spring after 20 years of service, and will not be around to see next year's team, he still has ideas for how they can get better.

"We're improving," Godwin said. "We'll have more continuity next year, more returning cadets. Fifteenth place was within our grasp. Maybe next year. I'd like to see more females there next year."

Cadet Jill Duncan was the only female who attended this year, he said. Duncan was not available for comment.

"We couldn't have done it without the cadre that went," Lipscomb said.

Block countered, "We couldn't have done it without the cadets either."

Queen more than royalty

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in graduate school.

Although she said "Miss Marshall" is something she hasn't taken lightly and will remember always, the tiara is only a representation of an honor that has a much greater meaning.

"There's quite an interesting twist to my story," Erwin said. "All last year (as a football trainer) I watched people look

up to athletes. Now I have the chance to be a role model.

"I don't want to be in the spotlight, but it's great to know people may want to hear what you have to say and I will be able to represent a school that has been so good to me."

Erwin said she got her first taste of that after Saturday's game.

"A little boy came up to me and asked me to sign his football," Erwin said. "I said 'But I'm not a football player.'"

Still, he insisted she sign. So she did.

Students talk education

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concerns about the COEHS.

"We are starving for professors and it is hard to get teachers to stay in West Virginia because they just don't make enough money," Richardson said.

The LOCEA also listened to concerns from the Faculty Senate at a separate meeting.

"We take these concerns to heart," Plymale said, "and we try to change some of these things as more money becomes available."

Sen. Lloyd Jackson, Lincoln county, said the next step for the LOCEA is to have an exit conference with the administration.

Old Marcos come home

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to remain anonymous, especially when I had to miss lots of classes for Homecoming events," Igou said.

The first Marco costume was used from 1965 to 1985. The first Marco, Charles J. Evans, described it.

"The first suit was big and heavy and hot," he said. "I mean hot."

Matthew Igou was the first Marco to wear the new costume. He remembers battling the heat at Morehead in 1985.

"It was 95 degrees at 7 p.m. Being in that outfit," Igou said, "I thought I'd waste away to nothing."

Igou said there were more limitations concerning crowd interaction in the new outfit, which cost \$2,500.

1986-91 Marco Allen Young won the National Mascot

Championship Award for his portrayal of Marco.

"I like to think that I had some small part of the Herd's rise from the ashes," Young said.

Nancy Pelphey, coordinator of Alumni Programs, said, "The reunion was a real research project. We tried to contact as many Marcos as possible. It was difficult because we had pictures in yearbooks with no names."

The reunion's activities included the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, an Evening with Friends reception, a campus tour, the Homecoming parade and lunch, and an introduction of the mascots before the football game on Saturday.

Jim Ferguson was Marco in 1980-81.

"We had a great time at the reunion," Ferguson said. "It was good to bring back the past Marcos and to be able to see everyone together."

Michael J. Farrell was Marco in 1967-69 and currently serves on the University Board of Trustees. He was at a conference in Martinsburg and had to fly a jet to Huntington to make it to the game.

"It was a wonderful time," Farrell said. "It has been a marvelous year for Marshall and the football team. I'm glad to be a part of it."

Presteria, MU expand mental health services

by SHAWN RATCLIFF
reporter

The medical school's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine has joined with Presteria Center for Mental Health Services Inc. to expand mental health services for senior citizens.

Dr. V.N. Shah, assistant professor of psychiatry, is now the medical director of Presteria's Senior Acucare program, Connie Chapman, geriatric program director, said.

As medical director, Shah meets with patients and screens them for admission to the Center's partial-hospitalization program.

"Working with Marshall is a really good partnership," Chapman said. "Dr. Shah has a lot of experience and (Presteria) will benefit from his expertise and resources."

The program treats patients who are 65 and older and suffering from depression, anxiety or other matters relating to mental

health. For some it can serve as a step-down treatment program for those who were formerly hospitalized, Chapman said. For others, it can be a way to avoid full mental hospitalization.

The program is Medicare-based and includes medication, counseling and group therapy as well as provisions for some other basic needs, Chapman said. Such services include meals, transportation and the assistance of a nurse when needed.

Dr. Daniel D. Cowell, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, said in a Presteria news release that the partnership "sets a good example of what can be accomplished by working with key community agencies like Presteria."

Shah received his medical degree from the University of Bombay in India. He completed his internship in psychiatry at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and his residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Law school isn't easy

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gram "gives students access to professionals in an informal atmosphere so that they feel authorized to ask questions that will give them an accurate representation of what it's really like to work in that profession."

Josh Carpenter, Dunmore sophomore, said he is considering a major in political science and a career in law.

He said the program brought the possibility of such a career "down to earth."

"It gave me a little bit of perspective on what law school would be like and what practicing would be like," he said.

Elizabeth Duke, sophomore Latin major from Hoover, Ala., was covering the program for the Honors Newsletter, but found herself interested in the law.

"I wasn't interested in law prior to attending this . . . I'd only heard the negative folklore that surrounds the law profession," she said.

"This panel helped me to see lawyers as real people with noble goals."

Summers said, "If you go through law school and are successful at law school, then you can do anything."

Aliff said there were six things a student needed to do to get through law school — read, write, read, write, read, write.

"If you don't like to read and write, don't go to law school," he said. "Period."

Aliff also told students that practicing law in the real world isn't like practicing law on TV.

"It's not 'Ally McBeal.' It's not 'The Practice,'" he said.

"Sometimes you're litigating what's on the front page of the paper and sometimes what you work on for six months, no one will ever know about . . ."

Huber's speech was the most energetic of the three, displaying an excitement for his profession.

"There's nothing better when you win, there's nothing worse when you lose," he said.

"There's a special kind of purgatory when you're waiting for the jury to come back."

Huber said law students need to believe in something and have a drive to get through law school.

"You can practice law and advocate progressive social change," he said.

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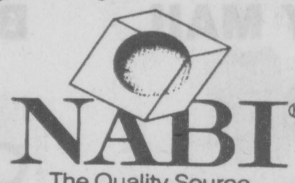


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OUR VIEW

Public deserves to know names of finalists for president post

Since July, the Presidential Search and Screening Committee has been looking nationwide for a replacement for former university president J. Wade Gilley, who left Marshall to occupy the same post at the University of Tennessee this summer.

Monday, the committee narrowed the choices for the presidential job to a group of finalists. Unfortunately, committee members refused to announce the number of finalists and their names.

Why you may ask yourself, as we did ourselves? Because the committee wants to protect the candidates.

They claim finalists for the presidential job may not want to jeopardize their current jobs until they have a better summation of their chances of being named the next leader of our university.

That is understandable.

To protect the candidates, committee members decided to not release the number of finalists and their names until they were contacted to determine if they were still interested in the position.

Therein lies the problem.

Whether they are interested or not does not matter in this case. Unless the committee has back-up candidates to replace any finalists who are not interested in the position, the future president of our university will be chosen from the finalists agreed upon by the committee Monday.

That is why we deserve to know who they are. In fact, we deserved to know Monday, as Interim President A. Michael Perry told The Parthenon it would at the Sept. 27 committee meeting.

The committee is placing more importance on the candidates' right to privacy than the public's right to know.

That is not fair.

The students, faculty and staff of this university deserve to know who their next president could be. And fast.

We know the Presidential Search and Screening Committee had to approve the recommendations of its subcommittee. But we find it disturbing — and hard to believe — that the committee waited until after the meeting Monday to begin contacting the finalists.

Surely they knew who the finalists were going to be. Was it impossible to contact those candidates beforehand to tell them they were one of the finalists pending a vote of approval from the committee? Certainly not.

We think that is what the committee should have done. That would have allowed it to announce the finalists so the Marshall community would not have to wait any longer than it already has.

This decision is perhaps the most important one the university faces as it heads into a new century.

We think students, faculty and staff have a right to not only receive information about every step of the process but to receive it in a timely manner.

Unfortunately, the Presidential Search and Screening Committee members do not seem to agree with us.

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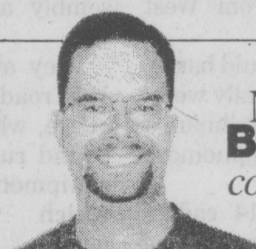
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"The suit was very hot and cumbersome, kind of like a Dutch oven. They used to say you needed a pint of Jim Beam just to be able to wear it."

—Rick Jackson
Marco 1967-68

HIS VIEW



MARK BLEVINS
columnist

Food dehydrator not worth those sleepless nights

I really enjoy sleep. I never seem to get enough of it and it takes me forever to achieve it.

As a college student, I've done my share of depriving myself of sleep so I could get in a few extra hours of studying. But sleep deprivation is really not a good thing.

My problem is the very mornings I am snug and comfortable in bed, I have to get up early. If I don't have to get up very early, then I'm awake and ready to rise by 8:30.

The mornings when I have nothing to do and nowhere to go are the same mornings that I wake up early enough to give the rooster a day off.

Sleep seems to be one of those things that never work the way you want it to. Half the time I can't get to sleep when I go to bed and I stay up half the night tossing and turning.

I've tried to count sheep, but then they start talking to me and that can't be a good thing.

At least my apartment building isn't very loud, which I am very thankful for. I'm a light sleeper so when anyone comes up the stairs I wake up.

Of course, the bright side to this is that I think up many topics for columns while I try to fall asleep. As soon as I rest my head, my brain starts to work. If I could be as attentive in class as I am when I'm waiting to go to sleep, I might have a 4.0 grade point average.

I do get to watch a lot of television when I can't sleep. The test patterns aren't the same as they used to be, though. I also find myself drawn to lean, mean grilling machines and food dehydrators.

See what sleep deprivation can do? I can't even cook, but at 3:30 in the morning I have this overwhelming need to fix beef jerky.

There is no magic potion for those of us who have trouble sleeping and I feel as if that will be the case for a long time to come. I toss and I turn, but it doesn't really seem to matter.

Some nights it seems as if I've just gotten to sleep when my alarm decides to go off. Those are when I have my early classes.

Is there a magic formula to be able to fall asleep? I haven't found one, but if anyone else has please let me know.

I'm getting to the point where I am going to have start banging my head against the wall until I knock myself out. And I'm sure that will be painful when I have to get up and go to class.

There is one positive thing to come out of all of this, though. I'm very happy that I do not have a credit card at 3:30 in the morning because I don't even want to know what I've almost bought from Ronco.

And I'm sure a food dehydrator won't look nearly as good when I've had eight hours of sleep.



CAMPUS VIEW

Gays choose their sexual preference

People are so wacked out. I can't believe just because I decide to write my opinions on a subject that can be quite controversial, and people go ballistic.

It shows how narrow minded the people of Huntington, West Virginia and Marshall University are. I can't believe it. Actually I can, it doesn't surprise me.

I am also tired of hearing about reading in The Parthenon and almost every day reading about the homosexual activities on campus. Give it a rest please.

Homosexuals are people too, so be people, not a special group that separates itself from the rest of society asking for special rights and privileges because they choose to be different.

The guy who wrote the letter to the editor asked if he would choose to live an oppressed and persecuted life? The answer obviously is yes he does. He may be biologically predisposed to those feelings and attractions, but the responsibility of the choice still lies with that individual. So I don't want to hear that.

Like I originally said, you always have a choice of what behaviors you make. If not, then you would be a slave and a victim to the forces around you.

Take responsibility for your actions. Own up to them. If you want to be persecuted, continue the behaviors. I don't agree with those persecutions, but you have the choice of whether you do those things or not.

So choose wisely.

— Jason Jackson,
Huntington sophomore

Success of men's rugby team makes student proud

I proudly read of the rugby team's recent success while representing both Marshall University and the state of West Virginia this past weekend in Pittsburgh.

Sadly, a few mistakes kept them from competing against 15 other teams at the national level.

While we hear a great deal about football and other teams, club sports such as rugby slip through the cracks at Marshall. While SGA has finally doled out a bit of much-needed cash to the men's team (the women's team is an entirely different matter),



players and coaches still pay just to compete.

Varsity athletes receive free schooling and other perks, but the rugby club must raise its own funds. Uniforms, tournament fees, travel, overnight accommodations, and hosting home games comprise most of their budget.

Thankfully, our university has more than 30 individuals dedicated enough to give up time and money to play a sport they love.

— Gregory W. Wheeler,
Barboursville sophomore

Mr. Marshall candidate thanks his supporters

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who supported me during my campaign for Mr. Marshall. Even though I didn't receive this high honor, I thoroughly enjoyed campaigning and meeting students. It was a wonderful experience that I will treasure.

Although my goal to become Mr. Marshall failed, my goal to get my friends, residents and other students involved with Homecoming 1999 and student

activities was a major success. I talked to many students who said they had voted for the first time.

I am also glad I was one of many homecoming candidates who created a controversy by campaigning in front of the Memorial Student Center.

The Parthenon blasted our efforts to encourage students to vote and get involved. It was not my purpose to "harass" or bother anyone. I did not expect to receive votes for gifts or candy.

In fact, I gave candy to many of my opponents' supporters. My goal was to have a delightful time campaigning for Mr. Marshall, and I did just that. I'm glad my campaigning for homecoming prompted a response from students and The Parthenon. It's great to see fellow students get involved.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Marshall, Jimbo Boyd Jr., and the Homecoming Court for their success and kindness. I was very honored to campaign with them.

— Glen Midkiff,
Branchland graduate student

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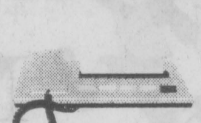
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NFL's all-time leading rusher dead at 45

Walter Payton remembered as hero, role model

CHICAGO (AP) — Walter Payton, the NFL's greatest rusher whose aggressive style masked a playful temperament that earned him the nickname "Sweetness," died Monday at age 45.

Payton was diagnosed earlier this year with primary sclerosing cholangitis, a rare liver disease. His only hope for survival was a transplant and he had been on a waiting list since February.

Payton rushed for 16,726 yards in his 13-year career, one of sport's most awesome records. And Barry Sanders ensured it would be one of the

most enduring, retiring in July despite being just 1,458 yards shy of breaking Payton's mark.

"I want to set the record so high that the next person who tries for it, it's going to bust his heart," Payton once said.

Payton was coached for six years by Mike Ditka, now coach of the New Orleans Saints, who called him "the best football player I've ever seen."

"It's sad to me because he had a lot greater impact on me than I had on him," Ditka said.

Payton was widely celebrated in Chicago, the city's highest-profile athlete in the years after Cubs' Hall of Famer Ernie

Banks retired and before Bulls' superstar Michael Jordan emerged.

"Walter was a Chicago icon long before I arrived there," Jordan said in a statement issued after Payton's death. "He was a great man off the field and his on-the-field accomplishments speak for themselves. I spent a lot of time with Walter, and I truly feel that we have lost a great man."

A two-time Little All-American, Payton finished fourth in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1974, and was picked fourth overall by the Bears in the 1975 NFL draft.

Against Minnesota, he ran for 275 yards, an NFL single-game record that still stands. And in 1984, he broke Jim Brown's long-standing rushing record of 12,312 yards.

When he disclosed his illness at an emotional news conference in February, he looked gaunt and frail, a shadow of the man who gained more yards than any running back in the history of the NFL.

"Am I scared? Hell yeah, I'm scared. Wouldn't you be scared?" he asked. "But it's not in my hands anymore. It's in God's hands."

Payton made few public

appearances after that and his son, Jarrett, who plays for the University of Miami, was called home Wednesday night.

On Monday, in the hours after the announcement of Payton's death, the Bears' blue and orange flag was lowered to half-staff at the team's headquarters in Lake Forrest, Ill.

Born July 25, 1954, at Columbia, Miss., Payton played his college football at Jackson State where he set nine school records, scored 66 touchdowns and rushed for 3,563 yards. He once scored 46 points in one game.

He led the nation in scoring

in 1973 with 160 points, and his 464 career points was an NCAA record.

Payton retired after the 1987 season, and the Bears immediately retired No. 34.

Payton was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1993, his first year of eligibility.

At the Hall of Fame ceremony, he chose his 12-year-old son, Jarrett, to present him for induction.

"Not only is he a great athlete, he's a role model — he's my role model," Jarrett said.

Payton is survived by his wife, Connie, and their two children, Jarrett and Brittney.

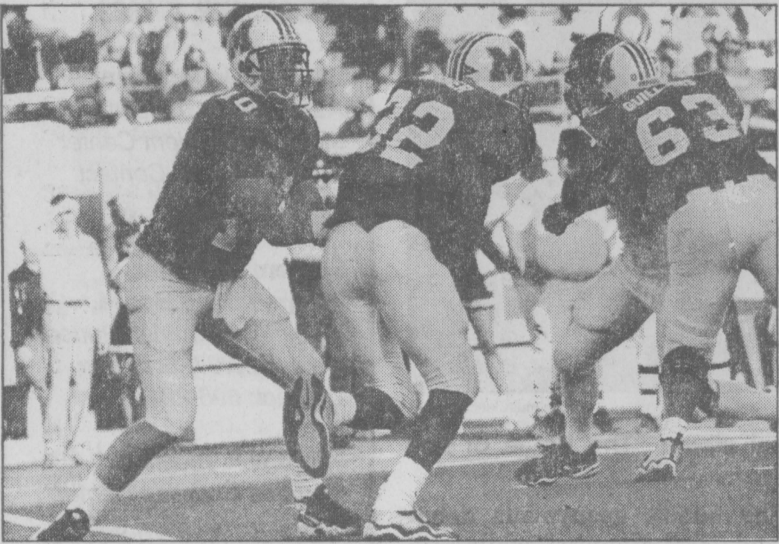


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Senior quarterback Chad Pennington hands the ball off to senior running back Llow Turner during Marshall's 41-9 win over Northern Illinois Saturday. Turner, a backup to Doug Chapman throughout his career, rushed for 104 yards in the win and may get his first start since 1997 Saturday against Kent after Chapman injured his knee in the first quarter Saturday. Chapman is expected to undergo an MRI this week.

Backup keeps Herd rushing attack consistent

by JOHN RABY
The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON — When running back Doug Chapman was injured on Marshall's first play, the Thundering Herd shifted into low gear.

Backup Llow Turner rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns in No. 13 Marshall's 41-9 victory over Northern Illinois on Saturday.

Chapman hyperextended his knee after catching an 11-yard pass and did not return.

Turner averaged 6.5 yards on 16 carries to become Marshall's first 100-yard rusher this season.

"People were blitzing on the outside, so it was easy to find holes," Turner said.

Chapman was hoping to

become the first Marshall back to rush for 1,000 yards in four straight seasons. Instead, injuries have caused the Thundering Herd to accomplish that with three players this year.

Turner hasn't started a game since the 1997 season yet has been vital to Marshall's offense. He ran for 97 yards against Temple last month when Chapman saw limited action with a cast on a dislocated right thumb.

"Llow does what Llow does," said Marshall coach Bob Pruett. "He doesn't do anything but make big plays and score



TURNER

touchdowns."

"I learn a lot from Doug," Turner said. "Anytime they call my number, I'm ready to play."

Turner could get his first start since the 1997 season at Kent next Saturday. Preliminary tests showed Chapman suffered no ligament or cartilage damage, but his knee is sore and will take time to heal.

"I've got plenty of confidence in both Llow and Doug," said Marshall offensive lineman Mike Guiliams. "Whichever one is called upon to do the job just does it."

A consistent running game is necessary for Marshall to help unleash the talent of Chad Pennington, who threw four touchdowns passes Saturday to give him 26 for the season, two more than last year's total.

He is third in Division I-A behind Western Michigan's Tim Lester (29) and Louisville's Chris Redman (27).

Marshall improved its winning streaks to 12 games overall and 29 straight at home, both tops in Division I-A. The Thundering Herd (5-0 Mid-American) is off to an 8-0 start for the second straight season.

"I said all week I thought they were the best team in the history of the MAC," said Northern Illinois coach Joe Novak. "They are like a bomb. You know sooner or later they are going to go off, and you just hold your breath."

Northern Illinois (4-5, 4-2) was held to three field goals by Kent Baker and did not advance past Marshall's 20-yard line.

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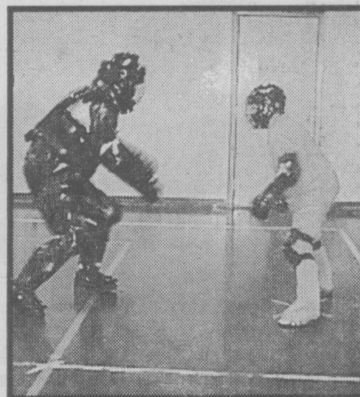
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New Rage CD mixes old style with new



TED DICKINSON
entertainment columnist

I've tried to avoid using this space so far to offer regular reviews. (We already have someone who does that — and rather well, I might add.)

But when Rage Against the Machine, one of my favorite bands, comes out with its first new album in three years, I cannot help but write about it.

For those of you not familiar with its music, Rage Against the Machine can best be described as a cross between hard-rock rhythms and politically-charged rap lyrics.

The results are sometimes abrasive, sometimes amazing,

but always thought-provoking. The band's third full album, "The Battle of Los Angeles," is no different.

The first track, "Testify," immediately shows vocalist Zack de la Rocha's disgust for totalitarian governments by quoting a passage from George Orwell's novel "1984." While good, it is not quite as strong an opening song as "People of the Sun" was on 1996's "Evil Empire."

The second track and first single, "Guerilla Radio," is almost standard Rage: tight rhythm, and lyrics switching between whispers and screams of peasant rebellion.

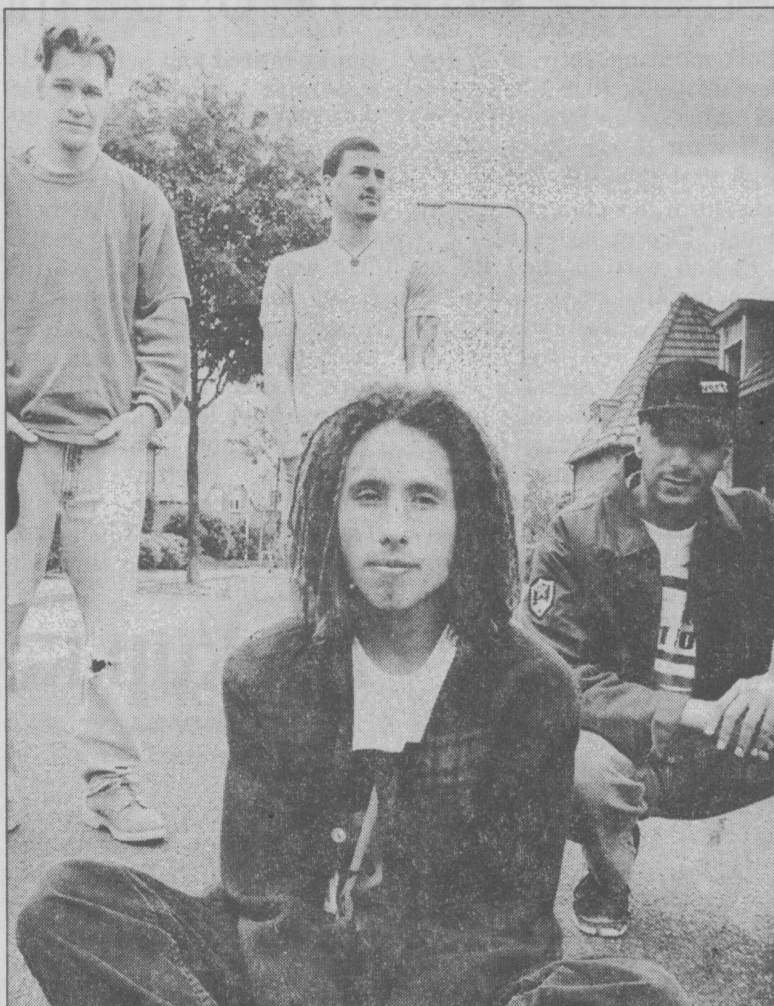
The use of what sounds like a muted trumpet is a surprise for a band who has almost solely relied on guitar, bass and drums for instruments.

However, the song that really stands out is "Sleep Now in the Fire," making references to



Columbus' landing in 1492 and the bombing of Hiroshima. The main guitar and bass line has a strong blues influence, mixed with healthy doses of feedback.

On the whole, the album sounds a bit more experimental than the group's previous efforts. Songs like "Mic Check" and "War Within a Breath" exhibit some strange guitar sounds, masterfully executed by Tom Morello.



from musicfanclubs.org

Rage Against the Machine's new album "The Battle of Los Angeles" releases today.

This experimentation does not always result in success though. Sometimes the results are difficult to listen to, especially on the second half of the album.

The high-pitched wail of "Ashes in Fall" and the sustained squeal of "Maria" make me want to reach for the track skip button.

Despite a few duds, this album still stands up well to

the band's eponymous debut and "Evil Empire," while still offering something new. Time will tell if its featured songs enter the same echelons as "Freedom," "People of the Sun" and "Bulls on Parade."

Until then, expect to hear this quartet's latest songs playing quite a bit as I drive around in my little green Toyota.

'Bring Out the Dead' viewed, but not understood

by **EVAN BEVINS**
reporter

People are always telling me to be more positive, so here goes: Ving Rhames gave an entertaining performance in "Bringing Out the Dead."

Unfortunately, he was only in it for 15 or 20 minutes, which brings me to the negative part: the rest of the movie.

Nicolas Cage stars as Frank Pierce, a burnt-out paramedic who is tormented by the ghost of Rose, a girl whose life he failed to save.

"Bringing Out the Dead" follows Frank through three nights and three very different partners.

John Goodman is first. He plays a medic going through the motions, just doing his job with

the minimal effort to get it done.

Rhames shows up next as Marcus, an energetic born-again Christian who loves his job (as well as the ladies and the bottle).

Saturday night reunites Frank with his old partner Tom (Tom Sizemore) who loves his job so much that he occasionally feels the need to "create" injuries to treat.

A constant throughout Frank's story is Mary Burke, played by Cage's real-life spouse Patricia Arquette. Mary is a former drug addict who has turned her life around.

Unfortunately, she could not reconcile with her father before he suffered a heart attack. Frank is the paramedic who temporarily revives him.

Frank and Mary's relation-

ship develops as her father hangs between life and death in the emergency room.

All this is a promising setup, but throughout the movie, I found myself asking "What's the point?"

Think about it — does it really take a two-hour movie to convey the idea that it is difficult to be a paramedic in a rough New York City neighborhood?

The setting is very well done. There is no New York glamour here; it is "grim 'n gritty" all the way.

Also absent is the glossed-over tragedy/happy-ending balance you find on "E.R."

Frank's musings on how many people he and his co-workers actually save makes you hope you are never in a emergency situation in the Big Apple.

The film's frantic pace illustrates the confusion and fear Frank is feeling, but makes it difficult to focus.

Rose appears randomly throughout the movie, with little rhyme or reason, except to remind viewers that her story is still somehow important.

It takes a while, but it is possible to reconcile the story of Mary and her father with the story of Rose. But try fitting that message with the rest of the film and you are back to square one.

Even though "Bringing Out the Dead" is hard to follow, the acting is not bad. Cage's performance is layered and interesting, but that usually does not mean much. Arquette plays Mary in such a way that you empathize with her with-

Rating: ★1/2

"Bring Out the Dead," rated R, is now playing at Cinema 4 in downtown Huntington.

out pitying her. And Rhames is just plain awesome.

I will admit maybe there was a point to this movie and maybe I just missed it completely. So see, that is positive, or at least open-minded.

But someone will have to explain it to me in great detail before "Bringing Out the Dead" will get any more stars from me.

That is not negative. That is just reality.

G. Love's new album as special as the sauce

by **SHANNON STOWERS**
guest columnist

G. Love and Special Sauce's new album "Philadelphonis" will not disappoint long-time fans of the California-based trio.

For those who have never heard the music, their music can be described along the lines of the Violent Femmes meets Slick Rick.

G. Love's sounds include funky/folk guitar playing mixed with an upright bass and drums.

His flowing lyrics about life, love and having fun are a welcome release from the new sounds of hip-hop based bands such as Limp Bizkit, who do it all for the . . . never mind.

The album's sound fluctuates from grooving beats that cannot keep your sneakers still to more laid back sounds that can be compared to previous albums such as "Coast to Coast" and "Yeah, It's That Easy."

Songs like "Dreamin," and



G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
G. Love and Special Sauce's new album keeps with its old style.

"Do It For Free" and "Friday Night" add some special sauce to the album with good beats and thumping bass lines. Other songs like "Gimme Some Lovin" and "Relax" are more organic with G. Love's roots of folk and blues being the underlying tones.

There are few bands in this genre of music that can stick to originality, but G. Love and Special Sauce are definitely keeping it real.

Theater absentee a video jackpot

by **EVAN BEVINS**
reporter

What is the best movie you did not see last year? "Playing By Heart" has an unbelievable cast, fabulous writing and a great message.

And hardly anyone has heard of it. But now it is out on video and I suggest you get it while it is hot.

To wet your appetite a simple cast list will suffice — Gillian Anderson, Ellen Burstyn, Sean Connery, Anthony Edwards, Angelina Jolie, Nastassja Kinski, Jay Mohr, Ryan Phillippe, Dennis Quaid, Gena Rowlands, John Stewart and Madeline Stowe.

But since a cast list will not fill this review space, I will say a little more.

The movie is made up of six stories, seemingly unrelated at first, which gradually weave together.

Each tale deals with love, but not cliched movie romance. The main characters all have their traditional expectations of love challenged and all of them face difficulties coming to terms with their new reality.

There is Hannah and Paul (Rowlands and Connery), a couple who have been married



from "Play By Heart" soundtrack

"Playing By Heart" deals with love but not to be considered a "chick flick."

for 40 years, who must deal with a problem that has been brewing for 25.

There is Joan (Jolie) a beautiful, recently-single young woman who can not figure out why fellow club-hopper Kenan (Phillippe) keeps rejecting her advances.

There is Marilyn (Anderson) who will not believe that the new man in her life (Stewart) will not let her down somehow.

Gracie (Stowe) is cheating on her husband, while Hugh (Quaid) roams Los Angeles telling tales to anyone who will listen. And then there is Mark (Mohr) who tries to reconnect with his mother (Burstyn) while he is dying of AIDS.

Most of the film deals with love in a very non-Hollywood manner, which means they emphasize something other than "movie sex."

This may disappoint the folks who rent videos for cheap, voyeuristic thrills (not that I have not), but it is actually quite refreshing.

"Playing by Heart" may sound like a "chick flick," but it is not one of those sappy, cookie-cutter, boy-meets-girl-love-hate-love kind of movies.

This deals with real issues and real obstacles faced by love, everything from infidelity to simple boredom to the spectre of HIV.

These issues are addressed with the excellent performances one expects from a cast of this caliber. Jolie and Phillippe, neither of whom I had seen much prior to this movie, are particularly impressive.

Humor is found throughout the movie, as a mechanism for dealing with pain and frustration. Some of it is laugh-out-loud funny and some of it is bittersweet — you can sense the characters either have to laugh or cry. Viewers may find themselves feeling the same way.

"Playing by Heart" is an excellent change-of-pace from most of Hollywood's sex and explosion-filled films. And maybe the absence of said sex and violence is why it did not get the same theater exposure as those other films.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4, 1999

Campus Light, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m. Contact: 696-3057

Campus Light Baptist Ministries, meeting, Memorial Student Center room 2W16, 8 p.m. Contact: Dave Greear 529-1545

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